Uzbekhistan, Kirghizestan and Tajikestan were represented. Kazakhastan was represented on special invitation.

(c) According to the available information, the Summit meeting agreed to continue efforts to eliminate all tariffs and non-tariffs barriers at the earliest.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Government favour mutually beneficial, commercial and economic cooperation, not based on religious considerations, amongst various countries.

Bombay Passport Office Premises

4383. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that present office premises of the Passport Office in Bombay is inadequate; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) At present, due to increased input of applications, some shortage in accomodation at Passport Office, Bombay has been felt. It is proposed to overcome it by reviewing record retention schedule and if necessary by acquiring more space.

European Parliament Resolution

4384. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of a resolution adopted by the European Parliament asking for right of self determination for Jammu and Kashmir and also criticising alleged violation of human rights there;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Governments reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government discussed this question with members of British Parliament and officials in U.K.;

(d) if so, what was the outcome thereof; and

(e) what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A copy of the Resolution as statement is laid on the Table of the House (*see* below). The Government has conveyed to the European Parliament our objections to this resolution and its unacceptability.

(c) Since this matter does not pertain to the British Parliament or the British Government, this has not been taken up with them.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Our missions in Brussels and other European capitals are in regular contact with the members of the European Parliament as well as with the various European political parties to explain our stand on Kashmir and the situation there.

Statement

Resolution on Kashmir Passed by European Parliament on 12-3-1992

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

A. having regard to its earlier resolutions on the situation in Jammu and Kashmir;

B. deeply concerned at the provocative and dangerous march on Srinagar which was recently organized by India's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and which threatens an already volatile situation in the State;

C. expresses serious concern at the loss of life as a result of the demonstration organized by the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front, which took place on 11th February and for further planned demonstrations;

D. even more worried that another similar demonstration and attempt to cross the line of control is planned for 30th March which could result in more bloodshed and serious consequences;